

Appl. No. 10/787,085
Amendment dated: June 30, 2005
Reply to OA of: March 4, 2005

REMARKS

Applicants restricted the application to the subject matter indicated to be allowable in the Outstanding Official Action to place the application in immediate condition for allowance. Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter and are making every effort to place this subject matter in condition for allowance by this amendment.

The claims indicated to contain allowable subject matter have been rewritten in allowable form to include the subject matter of any base claim and intervening claims. Early notification of the allowance of all of the claims now remaining in the application is in order and is most respectfully requested.

More specifically, Applicants appreciate the allowance of claim 22 and the indication that claims 5-10 and 15-19 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 5 has been canceled from the application and rewritten in independent form as claim 25. Claim 6 has been made dependent upon claim 25. Claim 8 has been canceled from the application and made the subject of claim 26. Similarly, claims 15, 16 and 18-19 have been canceled from the application and made the subject of claims 27-32 which specifically recite the indicated allowable subject matter by reference to the specified allowable composition claims.

Claim 7 remains dependent on now allowable claim 6. Claim 17 has been amended to be dependent on allowable claim 29. All canceled claims have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 6, 7, 17 and 25-32, the only claims now remaining in the application, are clearly in condition for allowance and early notification thereof is most respectfully requested.

While Applicants do not believe that the prior art rejections establish a prime facie case of obviousness of the rejection claims, these claims have been canceled from the present application without prejudice or disclaimer in an effort to expedite the prosecution of the claims indicated to be allowable to an early allowance. Applicants

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reserve all rights to prosecute any canceled subject or other subject matter contained in the application in one or more continuation applications.

In view of the above comments and further amendments to the claims, favorable reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims now present in the application are most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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